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SUBJ: COMITE 4: VOTES ON PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES RESES,
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1. COMITE WAS EXPOSED TO ANOTHER DISPLAY OF OPEN DISAGREEMENT
WITHIN AFRICAN GROUP, AND DEMONSTRATION OF GROUP'S INABILITY
TO HARNESS LIBYAN REP (REFADI). AS DEPT AWARE, LIBYAN-
PROPOSED AMENDMENT, CONTAINED IN A/C4/L 1036 WAS NOT
INCORPORATED BY COSPONSORS OF OMNIBUS RES. ACCORDINGLY,
REFADI FELT COMPELLED TO ASK FOR ROLL-CALL VOTE ON HIS PROPOSED
CHANGE. EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE THEN WERE GIVEN ON ALL THREE
PROPOSALS, I.E., LIBYAN AMENDMENT, OMNIBUS RES (A/C4/L 1034/
REV 2), AND INQUIRY RES (A/C4/L 1035). SPEAKERS ON OMNIBUS
RES INCLUDED REPS OF NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, FINLAND (FOR
NORDICS), CHILE, AUSTRALIA, AND GREECE (GREEK STATING THAT
HE WOULD VOTE "YES" -- BUT EXPRESSING RESERVATIONS ON ALMOST
EVERY PARA.) CLASHING OVER LIBYAN PROPOSAL WERE SIERRA LEONE,
DAHOMAY, NEW ZEALAND, IVORY COAST, TANZANIA, AND JAMAICA --
ALL OF WHOM SAID THEY EITHER WERE OPPOSED TO OR WOULD
ABSTAIN ON LIBYAN AMENDMENT. ON OTHER SIDE, SUPPORTING LIBYANS,
WERE SUDAN, UGANDA, ZAIRE, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, LIBERIA,
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SENEGAL, CONGO, EGYPT, PANAMA, AND KUWAIT. IVORY COAST

(KOUAME) MADE LAST-DITCH APPEAL FOR LIBYAN TO WITHDRAW AMENDMENT IN INTEREST OF SOLIDARITY, POINTING OUT THAT THIS WAS NOT MEETING OF AFRICAN GROUP, NOR OF "NON-ALIGNED": VOTES OF OTHER MEMBERS COUNT, TOO. LIBYAN REFUSED. IN FINAL STATEMENT PRIOR TO VOTE, SWEDEN ASKED THAT INQUIRY RES BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

2. RESULTS OF VOTE ON LIBYAN AMENDMENT WERE 61-31 (US)-27, WITH BARBADOS, ETHIOPIA, AND TANZANIA "NOT PARTICIPATING".

3. LIBYAN NEXT ASKED FOR SEPARATE ROLL-CALL VOTE ON NOW-REVISED OP PARA 1 OF OMNIBUS RES. WITH THAT, DAHOMEY WITHDREW COSPONSORSHIP. TANZANIA (SALIM), JOINED BY CHAIRMAN DIAZ-GONZALEZ (VENEZUELA), ASKED LIBYANS TO WITHDRAW REQUEST. LIBYA REFUSED. DAHOMEY AND TANZANIA AGAIN UNSUCCESSFULLY APPEALED TO LIBYANS. TANZANIA ANNOUNCED ITS OPPOSITION TO LIBYAN PROPOSAL. MOVING TOWARD VOTE ON DIVISION, PURSUANT TO RULE 91, KENYA, IVORY COAST AND TUNISIA SUPPORTED TANZANIA. THEN, LIBYA, AT LAST, WITHDREW REQUEST FOR SEPARATE VOTE.

4. RESULT OF OMNIBUS ROLL-CALL VOTE (REQUESTED BY PORTUGAL) WHOSE REP WAS PRESENT; SOUTH AFRICA DID NOT ATTEND) WAS: 102-6 (US, BRAZIL, FRANCE, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, UK)-16, WITH DAHOMEY "NOT PARTICIPATING."

5. PORTUGAL NEXT REJECTED SWDEN'S REQUEST TO ADOPT INQUIRY RES BY CONSENSUS. IN RESULTING ROLL-CALL VOTE; RES ADOPTED, 103-3 (US, PORTUGAL, SPAIN)-16. BRAZIL DID "NOT PARTICIPATE". SPANISH HAD TOLD US JUST PRIOR TO MEETING THAT SINCE PORTUGUESE WERE FORCING VOTE, AND WERE PARTICIPATING, MADRID'S INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN ALTERED TO "NO". FOLLOWING VOTE, PORTUGUESE REP (DA COSTA LOBO) LEFT CHAMBER. (HIS PRESENCE EARLIER HAD BEEN COMMENTED ON BY SALIM, WHO TOLD COMITE THAT PORTUGUESE APPEARANCE WITH FRELIMO REP PRESENT WAS /REVOLUTIONARY".) EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE FOLLOWED BY REPS OF CANADA, VENEZUELA, IRELAND, GUATEMALA, UK, INDONESIA, FRANCE, FRG, USSR, AND TURKEY. FRANCE AND FRG COUNTERED CHARGES IN OMNIBUS RES OF NATO SUPPORT FOR PORTUGUESE

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MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA. SOVS, WHO HAD ABSTAINED ALONG WITH BOLIVIA, BULGARIA, BYELORUSSIA, CAMEROON, CONGO, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FRANCE, GDR, GUATEMALA, HUNGARY, MALI, MONGOLIA, POLAND, UKRAINE, AND UK, EXPLAINED VOTE AS FOLLOWS: SOVS WERE DISTURBED AT LACK OF MENTION OF EQUAL GEOGRAPHICAL COMPOSITION OF PROPOSED COMMISSION OF INQUIRY. FURTHER, ALTHOUGH "IT WAS WELL KNOWN" THAT MASSACRES HAD OCCURRED, AND OMNIBUS RES CLEARLY HAD POINTED THIS OUT,

INQUIRY RES PLACED "FACT" OF MASSACRES IN DOUBT.
ADDITIONALLY, IT INCLUDED NO CONDEMNATION OF PORTUGAL,
NO MENTION OF WHERE INQUIRY WAS TO TAKE PLACE, AND
OMITTED REFERENCE TO COMITE OF 24 CONSENSUS STATEMENT.
SOVS ALSO OBSERVED THAT PORTUGAL HAD REFUSED EARLIER INQUIRIES.
(MANY COMMENTED PRIVATELY THAT SOVS WERE CONCERNED TOO OVER
PRECEDENT.)

6. PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT, JOKA-BANGURA (SIERRA LEONE)
CALLED WHAT SEEMED TO BE MUCH-NEEDED AFRICAN GROUP MEETING,
NOV. 12. NEXT FOURTH COMITE MTG SCHEDULED FOR AM NOV. 13,
TO CONCLUDE EXPLANATIONS OF VOTES. VOTE TALLY SHEETS BEING
POUCHED DEPT.
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